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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7526

INFO AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

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SUBJECT: RELAXATION OF TRAVEL CONTROLS

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1. RE PARA 1 REF A, EMBASSY HAD BEEN UNAWARE THAT CONGEN PERSONNEL ARE PERMITTED TO TRAVEL ON 24-HOUR NOTICE TO MOSCOW. BILATERAL AGREEMENT ALLOWING TRAVEL ON 24-HOUR NOTICE LENINGRAD-MOSCOW AND NEW YORK-WASHINGTON WAS PROPOSED BY SOVIETS IN MAY 1973 AND WE MADE COUNTERPROPOSAL THAT SUCH TRAVEL NOT RPT NOT BE SUBJECT TO DISAPPROVAL (STATE 179876 OF 9/11/73 AND PREVIOUS). SOVIETS NEVER RESPONDED TO OUR COUNTER-PROPOSAL, ALTHOUGH THEIR FEBRUARY 18 MODIFICATION IN FACT SUBSUMES THEIR EARLIER PROPOSAL.

2. LENINGRAD DIPLOMATIC AGENCY'S STATEMENT THAT MODIFICATION OF TRAVEL CONTROLS HAD NO APPLICATION TO CONGEN PERSONNEL IS IN DIRECT CONFLICT WITH LANGUAGE OF FEBRUARY 18 NOTE WHICH SPECIFIES IN PARA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4 THAT 24-HOUR NOTICE OF TRAVEL TO POINTS ON FOREIGN

AUTOMOBILE TOURIST ROUTES APPLIES TO CONSULAR ESTABLISHMENTS. EMBASSY HAS QUERIED MFA TRAVEL OFFICER (SEMENOV) RE THIS CONTRADICTION. HE INDICATED AGREEMENT WITH EMBOFF'S INTERPRETATION OF FEBRUARY 18 NOTE AND SAID HE WOULD TRY TO CLARIFY MATTER AND LET US KNOW. EMBASSY WILL REPORT MFA RESPONSE AS SOON AS RECEIVED.

3. MFA HAS PROMISED US BUT NOT YET PROVIDED UP-TO-DATE MAP SHOWING WHICH CITIES ARE ON INTOURIST HIGHWAY NETWORK. RE PARA 2 REF A, SINCE 1971 MAP DOES SHOW TALLIN AND VYBORG AS INCLUDED, DEPARTMENT MIGHT CONSIDER PROCEEDING AS PROPOSED PARA 5 REF B, WITH ORAL CAVEAT THAT SAN FRANCISCO AREA LIBERALIZATION DEPENDS ON OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT CITIES SUBJECT TO 24-HOUR NOTICE FOR BOTH CONGEN AND EMBASSY PERSONNEL INCLUDE TALLIN VYBORG.
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